



DRAFT 2007-TDf-15: 911 Technical Correction Bill

BILL ANALYSIS

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SUMMARY: *This bill makes technical corrections to the Chapter 62A, the Emergency Telephone Service Act.*

CURRENT LAW: S.L. 2007-383 created a new State-wide 911 system. Previously, the fee had been collected on a local level from local telephone providers, and on the State level from commercial mobile radio service(CMRS) providers. The act created a State-wide uniform fee for all types of phone service, including voice over internet protocol (VOIP). The funds collected are distributed by the 911 Emergency Locating Board to CMRS providers for reimbursement for actual costs incurred with complying with enhanced 911 service, and to public safety answering points (PSAPs) for certain approved costs of providing 911 services.

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill makes three technical corrections to the act as follows:

Section 1. Allows the 911 Board to adjust allocations to ensure local governments receive, at minimum, the same revenues the local government collected in 911 fees for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

Section 2. Changes from calendar year to fiscal year, the time frame in which the Board can make changes in allocation percentages to conform to the Board's accounting practices.

Section 3. Clarifies that the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation can receive disbursements from the 911 Fund, even though the Nation is exempt from Chapter 159, the Local Government Finance Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill is effective when it becomes law.

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